

REMARKS

Acknowledgement of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) and acceptance of the replacement sheet for FIG. 1a and 1B is noted with appreciation.

Allowability of Claims 6-8 is also noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-5 and 6-9 are pending, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-5 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Feller (DE 19645228) in view of Pradel (DE 19813901).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 6 indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Claim 1, as amended, is patentable over the cited references.

Claims 2-5 and 7-9 depend from Claim 1 directly or indirectly and, thus, are patentable.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect is respectfully solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to

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